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to the western system but who has made a special study of the indigenous systems, and also three lecturers—one for each of the indigenous systems, Ayurvedic, Unani and Sidha.

(2) The introduction of a new subject, namely, the History of Medicine with special reference to the indigenous systems, in the curriculum of the Madras Medical College.

(3) Formation of a museum consisting of a collection of the various drugs used by practitioners trained in the indigenous systems to be attached to the School of Indian Medicine, in order to enable scientists to investigate the drugs used by these doctors.

(4) The constitution of a Licensing Board consisting of the Principal and the Lecturers of the School of Indian Medicine and well-known private Ayurvedic, Unani or Sidha practitioners. The main duty of the Board will be to grant licences after an adequate examination to doctors who desire to practise according to the indigenous systems.

(5) I propose also to permit local bodies to employ doctors recognized by the Licensing Board in any new hospitals or dispensaries in rural areas to be opened by them.

The financial and administrative aspects of these proposals are now being examined. I have already asked for a provision in the next year's budget for the opening of the School of Indian Medicine. I desire to discuss these proposals with the members of the Standing Advisory Committee attached to the Medical and Public Health Administration before passing final orders on the report of the Committee.

Settlement.

Permanent settlement in ryotwari holdings.

27 Q.—Rao Bahadur A. S. Krishna Rao Pantulu: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state whether the Government of India passed orders on the resolution passed by the Legislative Council recommending the introduction of permanent settlement in the ryotwari holdings in the Presidency; and, if so, to place the same on the table?

A.—A reply was received from the Government of India in June last to the letter written by this Government on the subject of the Resolution referred to. The matter has been under further correspondence and the papers cannot be placed on the table.

Railways.

Profits from District Board Railways.

28 Q.—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) the boards which own partially or wholly railways of their own and the net profits so far earned by each board on its railways, and

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(*b*) what portion of the railway revenue has in each case been utilized to augment the general revenue of the district board and what portion of it has been utilized for the further expansion of railway construction or for any other purposes?

A.—(*a*) The boards which own railways are –

1. Kistna.	4. Coimbatore.
2. Guntur.	5. Salem.
3. Tanjore.	6. Tinnevelly.

The net profits so far earned by these district boards except Tanjore are given below. In the case of Tanjore the information is not available and will be called for.

	RS.		RS.
1. Kistna ...	35,42,956	4. Salem ...	1,54,074
2. Guntur ...	4,27,418	5. Tinnevelly ...	20,891
3. Coimbatore.	9,07,780		

(*b*) Information is not available and will be called for.

PRISONERS.

Condition of Mr. P. Varadarajulu Nayudu in the Trichinopoly prison.

28-A *Q.*—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the judgment of the Subdivisional Magistrate of Usilampatti in Mr. P. Varadarajulu Nayudu's case (Calendar Case 57 of 1923);

(*b*) if not, whether the Government will be pleased to send for and peruse the judgment;

(*c*) if it is a fact that Mr. Kelu Nayar, the first-class Subdivisional Magistrate in charge of Madura subdivision, had no jurisdiction to issue the order under section 144, Cr. P.C., to restrain Mr. P. Varadarajulu Nayudu from speaking in Uttamapalaiyam which is in Usilampatti division;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that Mr. P. Varadarajulu Nayudu was to preside at a Political Conference at Uttamapalaiyam and that he was allowed to go from Salem to Uttamapalaiyam for the purpose;

(*e*) whether it is a fact that only on the previous evening the order restraining him was served on him;

(*f*) if it is a fact that there was really no danger of breach of the public peace at Uttamapalaiyam;

(*g*) if it is a fact that the Conference at Uttamapalaiyam was open only to the delegates and that admission to the Conference was strictly by tickets;

(*h*) whether the Government will, under the circumstances, consider his case and remit the unexpired portion of his sentence;

(*i*) if it is a fact that Mr. P. Varadarajulu Nayudu is being treated in Trichinopoly jail as a chronic asthmatic patient and that he is about to undergo a surgical operation; and

(*j*) if it is a fact that about a month previously, while in Madura jail, he was not treated as an asthmatic patient and was put to ragi grinding and if so, whether the Government will be pleased to enquire into the conduct of the Superintendent and Medical Officer concerned?